

Master Gardener Foundation Kitsap County

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 11 2007

I. Call to order

TR Strong called to order the regular meeting of the **Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County** at 1:04 PM on **Wednesday, July 11 2007**, at the **Eagles Nest (Training Center), Kitsap Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA**.

Board members in attendance: TR Strong, President; Sharon Howard, Vice President; and Sandy Livermore, Treasurer. Directors at Large; Ray Etheridge and Marialis Jurges. Also in attendance: Sharron Etheridge, Donna Hamilton, Debra J. Hall, Al McKibben, Lorraine Jackson, and Linda Maculanlan (guest).

The minutes of the June 6, 2007 meeting were accepted as amended.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Review

We have \$14,702.98 in checking and \$42,764.31 in all accounts.

Committee Reports

No reports from the Communications, Finance, Ways and Means, or Membership Committees.

Under **Programs**, Marialis reminded us that the next Field Trip will be to Dragonfly Nursery on Friday, July 20. In August, we will be visiting Ed Hume's garden. Two tours are planned, one at 10AM and the other at 1PM, each with 10-15 people. Marialis is also trying to coordinate a stop at the Pierce County MG Children's Garden on the same day. Marialis also reported that MGs are already signing up for housing for next year's state foundation conference, also to be held at Fort Worden in Jefferson County. If anyone is interested in finding enough people to fill one of the houses, contact Marialis and she will put you in touch with the person who is scheduling the housing.

Nominating Committee – TR stated that no one else has come forward to run for president in the upcoming election. The slate is still as stated last month – TR Strong for president, Becky Cross and Marialis Jurges for Vice President, Mary-Cathern Edwards for secretary, Sandy Livermore for treasurer, and three candidates for the three positions of director-at-large, to wit Ray Etheridge, Roland Malan, and John Mikesell. TR reminded everyone that the next board meeting (August) is when nominations will be accepted from the floor. So, if you know someone who would be a good candidate, check with them to be sure they are willing to serve, and come to the next meeting to put their name into the hat. The election will be held by mail-in ballot. Ballots will be mailed in late August.

Newsletter – TR also reported that the first of the reincarnated Gardeners' Exchange newsletter is finished and ready to go to the publisher. The Newsletter Committee will gather at Extension on July 24 to assemble the pages and prepare everything for mailing. This first dusted-off edition will be sent to ALL current Master Gardeners (as well as non-MG foundation members). Following editions will be mailed only to foundation members.

Horticulture Coordinator:

Peg stated that things are going well in the MG program, and that they are on track for spending the foundation funds that have been budgeted for this year.

She also reported that Tonie Fitzgerald, the Director of Extension for Spokane, has been charged by WSU to gather information about the Master Gardener program across the state. The purpose of this information is to help WSU decide how to fill the open position vacated by Rod Tinnemore and what the nature of that position might be. To do that, Tonie is meeting with as many Master Gardeners, staff workers, funding organizations, etc. across the state. Her first trip to our area will be next Wednesday, July 18, in Olympia from 9:30 to 2:30. Anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to contact Peg and ride along with her.

Old Business:

The bylaws amendment passed with an overwhelming majority, 51-1. Thanks to all the foundation members for responding and voting so quickly! With the bylaws change in place, the new terms for board members will kick in with our upcoming election.

The Homecoming Event that was originally scheduled to be part of the Anna Smith 20 year celebration has been officially dropped. The Anna Smith celebration will go ahead as planned, and the foundation will plan a separate Master Gardener homecoming event at a later time and place.

New Business:

Original new business agenda item for today's meeting, a budget request from Raab Park for children's gardening books, was already taken care of by Peg. We all reminded ourselves that the only budget requests the foundation will entertain through the year concern our fundraising or program (e.g. seminar) needs – everything else is part of Peg's budget and should go to her.

We did have a brief side discussion about our desire to have a meeting location where we could darken the room for slide or Power Point presentations. Several locations were suggested – classrooms at the Silverdale Water District, Roadhouse Nursery, Bainbridge Winery, and Howe Farm (by late 2008). Peg will check out a few of these. It would be nice to have a location for our annual meeting in September where MGs could show a presentation on what they have accomplished with our funds in the past year.

One other item of new business – Sandy asked that the board consider adding a line item to the current budget to handle expenses for the seminars that we are sponsoring. After some discussion about what we have spent so far, Sharon moved that we add a line item of \$500 to cover the seminars from June through October. Sandy seconded the motion, and it passed by voice vote.

One last discussion about MG apparel. There is no cost-efficient venue for selling our apparel at the upcoming Kitsap County Fair. However, it would be great if all MGs attending or working at the fair could wear their new MG shirts and, if asked, tell folks they can purchase them at the Extension Office.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday August 1** at the Eagle's Nest, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, and Silverdale Washington.

TR Strong adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by **Mary-Cathern Edwards**, Secretary.
(Notes taken by Sharon Howard, lackey.)